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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	10/003,635
<i>Filing Date</i>	November 2, 2001
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1712
<i>Examiner Name</i>	K. Peng
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	P02866

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changed to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule*.

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 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 5, 2004
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 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
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 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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 - b. Other _____
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